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March, 1974.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Cosford Rural District Council

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Services for the year 1972.

The birthrate for your district was lower than in 1971, but still above the national average, and 7 fewer babies were born. The Registrar-General recorded as illegitimate 6% of the live births. The death rate remains favourable. 82.9% of the deaths were at ages 65 years and over, and 55.8% of all deaths were over the age of 75 years. Only 3 deaths occurred under the age of 35 years.

19 cases of infectious diseases were notified. These included one case of tetanus which was unfortunately fatal. Subsequent to this, members of the Public Health staff and the manual worker force, together with some contractors' staff, were offered and accepted anti-tetanus immunisation. There were 6 sporadic cases of infectious jaundice and 2 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.

To Councillor G.R. Armitage, the Chairman of the Council, to Councillor F.D. Gales, the Chairman of the Public Health Committee, and all other Members of the Council, may I express my thanks for their consideration to me during the year.

I am grateful to Mr. C.A. Durrant, the Clerk of the Council, to Mr. J.D. Hackford, the Surveyor and Senior Public Health Inspector, and to all other Council Officials for their assistance to me.

Your Obedient Servant,

E. KINNEAR

Medical Officer of Health



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY DURING

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(a) Medical

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. E. Kinnear, M.B., Ch.B, M.F.C.M., D.P.H.

This officer does not engage in private practice but holds in addition the following appointments.

Medical Officer - Borough of Sudbury  
of Health Hadleigh U.D.C.  
Melford R.D.C.  
Thedwastre R.D.C.

Assistant County Medical Officer West Suffolk County Council  
School Medical Officer " " " "  
(appointed Deputy County Medical Officer of Health, October 1972.)

(b) Other Public Health Officers

J.D. Hackford, M.A.P.H.I., M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H.,  
Incorporated Public Health Engineer, Surveyor and  
Senior Public Health Inspector.

Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Surveyor -  
D.P. Carpenter, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

Additional Public Health Inspector -  
N.A. Shutes, M.A.P.H.I., A.R.S.H.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Councillor F.D. Gales - Chairman  
Councillor T.C. Dawson - Vice Chairman

COUNCILLORS

G.R. Armitage	E.J. Partridge
Mrs. D.M. Arthey	R. Partridge
T.C. Clark	A.G.P. Powell
W.A.K. Crockatt	G.A. Riddleston
E.J. Hart	J.L. Sharpe
D.H. Hodge	Miss G.R. Steed
N.S. Lewis	G.F.N. West
Mrs. C.N. McGeorge	

Councillor G.R. Armitage - Chairman of the Council  
Councillor D.H. Hodge - Vice-Chairman of the Council  
Mr. C.A. Durrant - Clerk of the Council

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

General Statistics

Area 48,530 acres

Registrar-General's estimate	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>
of the resident population	10290	9990	9670	9620	9500	9180

Extracts from Vital Statistics for the year

(Figures in parentheses refer to the previous year)

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	142 (148)	72 (68)	70 (80)
Illegitimate	9 (10)	8 (7)	1 (3)
Total:	<u>151 (158)</u>	<u>80 (75)</u>	<u>71 (83)</u>

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (crude) 14.7 (15.8)

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) 16.9 (18.5)

Comparability factor 1.15 (1.17)

Live birth rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 14.8 (16.0)

<u>Stillbirths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1 (2)	÷ (-)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total:	<u>1 (2)</u>	<u>- (-)</u>	<u>1 (2)</u>

Infant Mortality      Death of Infants under one year of age

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	1 (2)	1 (1)	- (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Total:	<u>1 (2)</u>	<u>1 (1)</u>	<u>- (1)</u>

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total live births 7.0 (13.0)

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 total live births (England and Wales) 17.0 (18.0)

The cause of the infant death was as follows:-

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Cause of death</u>
M	5 months	Sudden death in infancy syndrome

Stillbirths

F	39 weeks gestation	Intra-uterine death
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Illegitimate birth rate (per cent of total live births) 6% (6%)  
 Maternal death (including abortions) Nil (Nil)  
 Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths Nil (Nil)

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
	129 (127)	77 (65)	52 (62)

Death rate per 1,000 population (crude) 12.5 (12.7)  
 Death rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) 10.0 (10.2)  
 Comparability factor 0.80 (0.80)  
 Death rate per 1,000 population (England and Wales) 12.1 (11.6)

#### COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>
Birth rate (adjusted)	18.6	18.9	18.4	16.7	18.5	16.9
Death rate (adjusted)	9.4	12.1	11.7	11.1	10.2	10.0
Infant mortality rate	6.8	24.6	20.0	22.0	13.0	7.0
Number of infant deaths	1	4	3	3	2	1

#### Age distribution of deaths

	<u>Under 1 year</u>	<u>1-</u>	<u>5-</u>	<u>15-</u>	<u>25-</u>	<u>35-</u>	<u>45-</u>	<u>55-</u>	<u>65-</u>	<u>75+</u>
Male	1	1	-	-	-	1	3	7	29	35
Female	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	4	6	37
TOTAL:	1	1	1	-	-	3	5	11	35	72

#### The distribution of certain deaths by age groups

		<u>Age Groups</u>				
		<u>35-</u>	<u>45-</u>	<u>55-</u>	<u>65-</u>	<u>75-</u>
Cancer of lung	M	-	-	-	1	3
	F	-	-	-	-	-
Cancer of breast	F	-	-	1	-	2
	M	-	2	2	17	9
Coronary heart disease	F	-	-	-	1	7
	M	-	-	2	2	8
Cerebro-vascular disease	M	-	-	2	2	8
	F	-	-	-	2	10

The following table gives the causes and the number of deaths occurring during 1972.

<u>ALL CAUSES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
	129	77	52
Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, intestine	4	3	1
Malignant neoplasm, larynx	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	4	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	7	2	5
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	2	1	1
Diabetes mellitus	1	-	1
Other endocrine etc. diseases	1	-	1
Multiple sclerosis	1	1	-
Other diseases of nervous system	4	2	2
Hypertensive disease	4	1	3
Ischaemic heart disease	38	30	8
Other forms of heart disease	5	2	3
Cerebrovascular disease	24	12	12
Other diseases of circulatory system	6	2	4
Influenza	1	1	-
Pneumonia	6	3	3
Bronchitis and emphysema	2	2	-
Asthma	1	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1	1
Peptic ulcer	2	2	-
Other diseases of genito-urinary system	1	1	-
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	1	-	1
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	1	1	-
All other accidents	2	1	1
All other external causes	1	1	-



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of Infectious Diseases notified to the Medical Officer of Health during the year.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tetanus	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	2
Measles	5	5	-
Whooping Cough	3	2	1
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	-	2
Infectious Hepatitis	6	4	2
Total:	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>7</u>

TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY

<u>NEW CASES</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1966</u>
Pulmonary	2	-	-	1	1	-	1
Non-pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mortality

During 1972 there were no deaths from tuberculosis.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICE IN THE AREA

### a) Laboratory Facilities

The Public Health Laboratory Service, Woodbridge Road East, Ipswich, under the directorship of Dr. P.K. Fraser, provides help and advice, always willingly given, on matters concerning bacteriology and epidemiology and the supply of vaccines and sera in special cases.

### b) Ambulance Facilities

These services since July, 1953, have been provided directly by the County Council, under the direction of the County Medical Officer of Health.

### c) Nursing in the Home

The West Suffolk County Council District Nurse-Midwives carry out these duties.

### d) National Assistance Act 1948 - Section 47

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and protection.

No proceedings were taken under this Section during the year.

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for the year 1972

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Area (Acres)	48,530
Population - 1971 Census	9,784
Estimated mid 1972	10,290
Number of habitable houses	4,173
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1972	£268,547
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£2,564

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E. A. Green, M. R. Tyrrell, and G. B. Gooderham,  
Resident Engineers.

R. Goodchild, A.M.I.B.C.O.,  
Building Inspector.

Miss Jacqueline Kersey,  
General Clerk.

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The Cosford Rural District is entirely agricultural in character with arable farming predominating, and with no heavy industries. Some light industries are established in the larger villages and these, together with farming, building work and one civil engineering firm, provide employment within the District, but a large proportion of the working population commutes to the neighbouring towns of Sudbury, Ipswich, Bury St. Edmunds, and Colchester.

Sewerage schemes are being proceeded with as quickly as the Council's Consulting Engineers are able to prepare schemes and at the end of December, 1972, almost two thirds of the houses in the Rural District were served by public sewers.

Pressure of work attributable to local government reorganisation together with a continuing increase in the day-to-day work, necessitated the appointment of a specialist Building Inspector during the year.

Very shortly, reorganisation of local government will have been forgotten. At the present time it is the subject uppermost in the minds of all officers, most of whom will be obliged to face up to major changes in working conditions after 1st April, 1974.



W A T E R   S U P P L Y

The whole of the Rural District is served by a public water supply operated by the West Suffolk Water Board, Linden House, 147 Kings Road, Bury St. Edmunds. (Tel No: Bury St. Edmunds 2261).

The supply serving most of the Cosford Rural District is derived from boreholes 400 ft deep in the chalk substrata at Semer. All water is chlorinated at the pumping station to give a chlorine residual of 0.15 parts per million after which it is pumped to the Nedging Tye water tower from whence it is piped into the distribution mains.

A sample of water taken from the supply from Semer Pumping Station prior to chlorination and submitted for chemical analysis was reported as follows:-

Nitrate	0.2 parts per million.
Nitrite	0.1 parts per million.
Chlorine	106 parts per million.
Hardness	
Temporary	265 parts per million.
Permanent	75 parts per million.
Total	340 parts per million.
Dissolved solids	580 parts per million.
Iron	0.36 parts per million.
Lead, copper, zinc	Nil parts per million.
Flouride	0.8 parts per million.

Analyst's Remarks:- "This water is of a very good organic quality and there is no evidence of any chemical pollution. After the iron has been removed, this water should be well adapted to the purposes of a public supply".

A detailed report of the activities of the West Suffolk Water Board is made annually by that Authority.

Private Supplies

During the year, 22 samples of water were taken from private supplies for bacteriological examination. Of these 9 were satisfactory for drinking purposes and 13 were unsatisfactory.

The following table shows the number of properties connected to the mains in each parish.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Population</u> <u>1971</u> <u>Census</u>	<u>Total No.</u> <u>of houses</u>	<u>Houses</u> <u>connected</u> <u>to mains</u>	<u>Dependent</u> <u>of Public</u> <u>Standpipe</u>	<u>On Route</u> <u>but not</u> <u>connected</u>	<u>Not on</u> <u>Route</u> <u>of Mains</u>
Aldham	147	61	59	-	-	2
Bildeston	866	319	317	-	2	-
Boxford	904	495	487	-	-	8
Brent Eleigh	134	63	55	-	2	6
Brettenham	259	106	106	-	-	-
Chelsworth	136	52	48	-	2	2
Cockfield	721	284	271	-	7	6
Edwardstone	290	126	116	-	-	10
Elmsett	532	194 C'vans 8	176 C'vans 8	-	8	10
Groton	179	81	75	-	3	3
Hitcham	633	230 C'vans 25	215 C'vans 25	6	1	8
Kersey	392	162	156	-	-	6
Kettlebaston	70	25	25	-	-	-
Lavenham	1,480	675	671	-	-	4
Layham	537	231	208	-	6	17
Lindsey	144	64	59	2	-	3
Milden	107	47	47	-	-	-
Monks Eleigh	403	192	183	-	2	7
Nedging-with-Naughton	294	111	108	3	-	-
Polstead	615	273	249	-	5	19
Preston St. Mary	176	76	66	-	-	10
Semer	144	55	50	-	1	4
Thorpe Morieux	236	89	89	-	-	-
Wattisham	114	42	42	-	-	-
Whatfield	271	120	119	-	-	1
Totals:-	9,784	4,173 C'vans 33	3,997 C'vans 33	11	39	126



SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

I have appended hereto various schedules which give a comprehensive picture of sewerage details for the district.

It will be noted from these schedules that during the year schemes were completed at Aldham and Elmsett, Back Lane and Swingleton Green (Monks Eleigh) and sewer extensions at Lavenham to serve Bury Road, Frogs Hall Road and part of Brent Eleigh Road.

Work started on the scheme to serve the village of Preston St. Mary and the enlargement of Lavenham Sewage Works is in progress.

The scheme to serve Preston St. Mary was prepared by the Council's own staff and other schemes are in course of preparation by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs Lenon and Blizard.

Routine maintenance of all the works, both main works and small works, and ancilliary pumphouses, has been carried out by 5 men under the supervision of the Sewage Works Superintendant who keep the works at a highly satisfactory level and produce effluents acceptable to the River Authorities. In addition to normal maintenance the men are prepared willingly and without complaint to carry out various structural works to improve the efficiency of the sewage works and I am glad to have such men working with me.

A Work Study Survey commenced in November, 1972 and it is hoped that the Survey may result in a scheme which will be of benefit to both the Council and the men.

It is of interest to note that the proposals for the enlargement and re-organisation of Bildeston Sewage Works incorporate provision for dealing with cesspool contents and sludge pressing. This will alleviate the present difficulties encountered in the disposal of cesspool contents and the handling of partially dried sludge from the drying beds at present in use at all the main sewage disposal works.

Summary of Sewerage Details as at 31/12/72

Parishes served by Public Sewers	- 12	(Aldham, Bildeston, Boxford, Edwardstone, Elmsett, Kersey, Lavenham, Layham, Monks Eleigh, Whatfield and parts of Groton and Polstead).
Parishes where sewers are in course of construction	- 1	(Preston St. Mary).
Parishes where outline schemes are about to commence	- 3	(Chelsworth, Hitcham, part Polstead).
Parishes where outline schemes in course of preparation or instructions given for preparation	- 5	(Cockfield, Brent Eleigh, Brettenham, Nedging-with-Naughton, Wattishan).
Parishes where no proposals have yet been made	- 5	(Kettlebaston, Lindsey, Milden, Semer, Thorpe Morieux).
Parishes where existing works are being reconstructed	- 1	(Lavenham).
Parishes where schemes approved and ready to commence	- 1	(Bildeston extension).

Summary of Sewerage Details of Parishes as at 31/12/72

<u>ALDHAM</u>	Scheme to serve Aldham and Elmsett commenced in April, 1971 and completed in September, 1972.
<u>BILDESTON</u>	Existing sewage works. Scheme prepared by consulting engineers to enlarge works to serve Hitcham, Chelsworth, Milden, Wattisham, Nedging-with-Naughton, to include facilities for dealing with cesspool contents and sludge pressing plant - construction expected in commence 1st March, 1973.
<u>BOXFORD</u>	Served by adequate works, now nearing design capacity.
<u>BRENT ELEIGH</u>	Consulting Engineers instructed to prepare details for commencement of scheme in 1975.
<u>BRETENHAM</u>	Programmed for commencement in 1975 - no details prepared.
<u>CHELSWORTH</u>	Scheme prepared by consulting engineers in conjunction with enlargement of Bildeston works - to commence 1st March, 1973.
<u>COCKFIELD</u>	Consulting engineers instructed to carry out detailed survey and preparation of scheme for commencement in 1974/5.
<u>EDWARDSTONE</u>	Served by Boxford Sewage Works except for outlying houses.
<u>ELMSETT</u>	Sewerage completed, September, 1972.
<u>GROTON</u>	Sewered, except for outlying houses, to Boxford Sewage Works.
<u>HITCHAM</u>	Scheme prepared by consulting engineers in conjunction with enlargement of Bildeston Works - to commence 1st March, 1973.
<u>KERSEY</u>	Main village sewered. No proposals for outlying properties.
<u>KETTLEBASTON</u>	No proposals.
<u>LAVENHAM</u>	Laying of sewers to serve Bury Road, Frogs Hall Road, and part of Brent Eleigh Road, completed - early 1972 - enlargement of works still in progress.
<u>LAYHAM</u>	Sewered and served by Hadleigh Sewage Works except for outlying properties.
<u>LINDSEY</u>	No proposals.
<u>MILDEN</u>	No proposals.
<u>MONKS ELEIGH</u>	Sewers to serve Back Lane and Swingleton Green completed in April, 1972.
<u>NEDGING-with-NAUGHTON</u>	Programmed for commencement 1974/5 - Consulting engineers instructed to prepare report and scheme.
<u>POLSTEAD</u>	White Street Green and Calais Street are served by sewers discharging to Boxford Sewage Works. Sewers to serve Polstead Heath and Hadleigh Heath completed March, 1971. A scheme to serve Polstead village has received approval and tenders are being invited. Commencement of scheme expected in June, 1973.
<u>PRESTON ST. MARY</u>	Sewerage commenced in December, 1972 and will be completed during 1973.
<u>SEMER</u>	No proposals.

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THORPE MORIEUX

No proposals.

WATTISHAM

Programmed for commencement 1974/5. Bildeston sewage works reconstruction allows capacity for inclusion. Consulting Engineers instructed to prepare scheme and report.

WHATFIELD

Sewered, 1971.

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Schedule of Sewerage Details

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Served by Main Sewage Works</u>		<u>Connected to small Sewage Works</u>	<u>Served by Septic Tank or Cesspool</u>	<u>Remainder No adequate means of disposal</u>
		<u>Served</u>	<u>Connected</u>			
Aldham	61	28	12	-	48	1
Bildeston	319	309	309	-	8	2
Boxford	495	471	471	-	24	-
Brent Eleigh	63	-	-	13	50	-
Brettenham	106	-	-	12	71	23
Chelsworth	52	-	-	-	37	15
Cockfield	284	-	-	68	193	23
Edwardstone	126	81	79	-	40	7
Elmsett	194	151	108	-	75	11
	8 C'vans	-	-	-	8 C'vans	-
Groton	81	17	15	12	52	2
Hitcham	230	-	-	21	168	41
	25 C'vans	-	-	-	25 C'vans	-
Kersey	162	99	97	4	49	12
Kettlebaston	25	-	-	-	19	6
Lavenham	675	639	628	-	47	-
Layham	231	160	158	-	60	13
Lindsey	64	-	-	11	39	14
Milden	47	-	-	8	34	5
Monks Eleigh	192	164	139	-	38	15
Nedging-with-Naughton	111	4	4	20	71	16
Polstead	273	95	74	43	133	23
Preston St. Mary	76	-	-	-	62	14
Semer	55	-	-	-	43	12
Thorpe Morieux	89	-	-	14	69	6
Wattisham	42	-	-	-	30	12
Whatfield	120	103	96	-	23	1
	4,173	2,321	2,190	226	1,483	274
	33 C'vans	8 C'vans	8 C'vans		25 C'vans	



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

The vehicle employed on refuse collection is a Dennis Paxit 70. This is a 70 cu.yd. vehicle equipped with hydraulic compression mechanism, and came into use on 1st December, 1971. It is manned by a crew of three and maintains a collection at a frequency of once per week in the villages of Bildeston, Boxford, Lavenham and Brett Green, Layham, and once per fortnight throughout the rest of the District. Regular overtime is worked by the refuse collection team and amounts to an average of 10 hours per week. Routine servicing of the vehicle is carried out by Messrs B. A. Taylor and Co., Bildeston, every fortnight (at weekends). The Dennis Paxit IIIA, a 35 cu.yd. vehicle has been retained as a "stand-by", in case of breakdown.

A kerbside system of collection is worked whereby householders are required to put dustbins at the kerb for collection. In the case of persons who are aged or infirm arrangements are made for the dustbin to be collected from the rear of the premises.

All normal household refuse collected is taken to a Pulveriser Plant at Great Whelnetham owned and operated by Thingoe R.D.C., and, after pulverisation, is disposed of by controlled methods in a old railway cutting adjacent to the plant at an agreed cost.

Bulky items of refuse are taken to a refuse tip at Red Hill, Aldham by arrangement with Hadleigh Urban District Council.

Arrangements are being made for the service to be extended to a weekly kerb-side collection in all parishes with the help of Samford Rural District Council and the introduction of an Incentive Bonus Scheme. The stand-by vehicle will be sold to Samford R.D.C. for part use in Cosford R.D.C. This arrangement will commence on 5th February, 1973.

Cesspool Emptying

The Council operates a cesspool emptying service. A 1,500 gallon "Yorkshire" emptier on a Leyland Laird Chassis is used for this purpose. One "free" emptying per house is allowed, to all houses not served by a public sewer, thereafter the service is charged for.

The cesspool emptier is also used for sludge removal from sewage works.

The number of cesspools emptied during the year was:-

<u>No. of cesspools emptied</u>	<u>No. of loads removed</u>	<u>No. of loads from sewage works</u>
1,239	868	452

Disposal of cesspool contents is normally by spreading on agricultural land, but sites suitable for all-the-year round use are scarce, and the number of farmers who are prepared to accept this material on their land gets fewer. In consequence, the Council has given instruction to their Consulting Engineers that when the works are enlarged to cater for the villages of Hitcham and Chelsworth the new sewage disposal works at Bildeston shall also make provision for the reception and treatment of cesspool contents and work is expected to commence in March, 1973.

Since mid-way through 1972, it has been found necessary to transport cesspool contents to a sewage works operated by Melford Rural District Council owing to the shortage of disposal sites on agricultural land.



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1968.

The Cosford Rural District Council has limited delegated powers only, and the West Suffolk County Council, Shire Hall, Bury St. Edmunds, (Tel No: Bury St. Edmunds, 63141) is the Local Planning Authority under the Act. All applications for development within the Rural District are submitted to the Cosford Rural District Council and are considered by the Council's Planning Committee whose recommendation is taken into account by the County Planning Department. Controversial applications are referred to the Southern Area Planning Committee which meets monthly. During 1972, 505 applications were made for Planning consent, of these 236 were approved, 155 refused and 114 were either withdrawn or no decision issued (see table below).

In January, 1968 a report entitled "Rural Planning in West Suffolk" was issued by the County Planning Officer, Mr. James M. Gorst. This report lays down the principles of Rural Planning as seen by the County Planning Authority and gives details of the likely growth of this, and other Rural Districts in West Suffolk up to 1981. The report is also concerned with the desirability of the preservation and conservation of the character of the countryside of West Suffolk and its historic villages and lays down the Planning principles which must be adopted to achieve this aim. A subsequent report, "West Suffolk Rural Planning Part 2" has been issued classifying villages and endeavouring to forecast future growth and development.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Applications</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Refused</u>	<u>No decision or withdrawn</u>
Aldham	18	8	7	3
Bildeston	27	16	7	4
Boxford	46	26	11	9
Brent Eleigh	9	4	3	2
Brettenham	18	11	5	2
Chelsworth	6	5	1	0
Cockfield	32	13	11	8
Edwardstone	22	13	5	4
Elmsett	22	9	10	3
Groton	19	9	5	5
Hitcham	36	19	9	8
Kersey	21	8	8	5
Kettlebaston	4	2	1	1
Lavenham	53	25	11	17
Layham	17	7	2	8
Lindsey	12	4	4	4
Milden	3	2	1	0
Monks Eleigh	27	11	9	7
Nedging-with-Naughton	26	10	9	7
Polstead	39	14	16	9
Preston St. Mary	11	4	7	0
Semer	9	2	3	4
Thorpe Morieux	8	3	4	1
Wattisham	3	2	0	1
Whatfield	17	9	6	2
Totals:-	505	236	155	114

BUILDING REGULATIONS, 1965.

The routine inspection of plans under the Building Regulations is a very time consuming part of the work of the department and I have set out below a table showing the number of applications received and dealt with during the year.

Figures do not give a true picture of the work involved as one application may include several different types of houses on a particular site. The issue of a decision in very many cases involves lengthy discussions or letters to applicants in order to obtain a satisfactory solution to various problems.

In addition to the checking of plans, the Regulations also require repeated visits to the sites whilst work is in progress to check various stages of construction, often at comparatively short notice.

Because of the increase in the amount of building work being carried out, it was found necessary to employ a full-time Building Inspector, who was appointed on 2nd October, 1972.

Parish	No. of Applications	Approved	Refused
Aldham	22	21	1
Bildeston	21	20	1
Boxford	47	41	6
Brent Eleigh	3	3	-
Brettenham	15	10	5
Chelsworth	6	6	-
Cockfield	21	20	1
Edwardstone	16	14	2
Elmsett	54	53	1
Groton	11	9	2
Hitcham	25	21	4
Kersey	10	9	1
Kettlebaston	5	5	-
Lavenham	42	38	4
Layham	20	18	2
Lindsey	8	8	-
Milden	2	2	-
Monks Eleigh	18	16	2
Nedging-with-Naughton	15	14	1
Polstead	24	24	-
Preston St. Mary	7	5	2
Semer	3	3	-
Thorpe Morieux	3	2	1
Wattisham	4	4	-
Whatfield	11	11	-
Totals:-	413	377	36

Nine applications for relaxation of the Building Regulations have been received, which were dealt with as follows:-

Regulation E.7	-	3 applications, 2 approved, 1 refused.
" E.15(3)	-	1 " , approved.
" K.1	-	1 " "
" N.17(3)(b)	-	2 " "
" N.17(2)(f)	-	1 " "
" L.13	-	1 " , refused.

Total:- 9



H O U S I N G

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS Etc.

Applications for Improvement Grants reduced considerably during the year and Forty-five applications were received which were dealt with as follows:-

Standard Grants

Applications				Dwellings Improved
Owner/ Occupiers	Other Houses	Approved	Refused	
9	2	11	-	30

Total amount paid in Standard Grants (30 dwellings) £7,586

Average grant per house improved £253

Amenities provided	(a) Fixed bath or shower	27
	(b) Wash hand basin	27
	(c) Sinks	8
	(d) Hot water supply	28
	(e) Water closet	27
Additional grant aided work provided.	(f) Bathrooms added	12
	(g) Piped water supplied	1
	(h) Septic tanks installed	4

Discretionary Grants

Applications			Dwellings Approved	
Received	Approved	Refused	Owner/ Occupier	Other Houses
32	24	8	8	16

Total amount paid in Discretionary Grants £11,605

(18 dwellings).

Average grant per house £645



Council House Improvements

Total number of Council houses at 31st December, 1972	878
No. of Council houses requiring improvement at 1st January, 1955 when the Council commenced improvement works	234
No. of Council houses improved to full standard	191
No. of Council houses sold	9
No. remaining to be improved	36

Of these 36 remaining to be improved, only 14 (6 Preston St. Mary, 5 Hitcham, 1 Polstead Heath, 2 Chelsworth) now remain which lack bathroom, W.C., and hot water supply and these are awaiting the provision of public sewers before work can commence owing to drainage difficulties. The remaining 22 (16 Lavenham, 6 Boxford) have baths and W.C.'s but are without efficient hot water supplies, and are substandard in certain other respects.

All drawings, specifications and tender documents are prepared by the Council's own staff and carried out by contract under the supervision of the staff.

The following table shows the distribution of houses in the District and the proportion of Council owned houses.

	Total houses in Parish	Number of Council houses	Post-war Council Houses			Houses acquired by Council and improved	Pre-war and emergency war houses
			Total	Built in 1972	Built in 1946-71		
Aldham	61	6	-	-	-	-	6
Bildeston	319	146	123	-	123	-	23
Boxford	495	108	90	-	90	-	18
Brent Eleigh	63	17	6	-	6	-	11
Brettenham	106	8	6	-	6	-	2
Chelsworth	52	2	-	-	-	-	2
Cockfield	284	67	48	-	48	-	19
Edwardstone	126	24	12	-	12	-	12
Elmsett	194	35	25	3	22	-	10
Groton	81	12	-	-	-	-	12
Hitcham	230	31	21	-	21	-	10
Kersey	162	23	20	-	20	-	3
Kettlebaston	25	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavenham	675	208	172	-	172	4	32
Layham	231	16	16	-	16	-	-
Lindsey	64	6	2	-	2	-	4
Milden	47	6	4	-	4	-	2
Monks Eleigh	192	34	28	12	16	-	6
Nedging-with-Naughton	111	24	10	-	10	-	14
Polstead	273	40	32	-	32	-	8
Preston St. Mary	76	6	4	-	4	-	2
Semer	55	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thorpe Morieux	89	14	8	-	8	-	6
Wattisham	42	2	-	-	-	-	2
Whatfield	120	43	24	-	24	-	19
Total:-	4,173	878	651	15	636	4	223

Private houses built post-war:-

1946-1971

1972

Total

754

127

881

Private houses under construction at 31st December, 1972 - 153

Council houses under construction at 31st December, 1972 - 17

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Action under Statutory Powers during the year

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 12 and 39  
of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	- Nil
Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(a) By owners	- Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	- Nil

Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 19, 21 and 23  
of the Housing Act, 1957

Notices of "Time and Place" outstanding from year 1971	- 2
Notices of "Time and Place" served	- 9
Dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	- 1
Dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	- 0
Dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings were accepted	- 1
Notices of "Time and Place" outstanding	- 9
Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	- 6
Houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders or Undertaking	- 6
Number of families displaced as a result of housing action	- 8
Number of persons included in these families	- 21

Proceedings under Sections 18, 19 and 27  
of the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of parts of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made	- Nil
Number of parts of dwelling houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders	- Nil

Proceedings under Section 42 and 43 of  
the Housing Act, 1957:-

Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas	- Nil
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Houses subject to Demolition Orders, Closing  
Orders and Undertaking Not to Relet subsequently  
made fit to the satisfaction of the Council:-

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were revoked	- 0
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Undertakings were cancelled after being made fit for habitation	- 1
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were removed after being made fit for habitation	- 12

Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936

Statutory Notices	outstanding 1st January, 1972	- 10
"	" served during, 1972	- 1
"	" complied with during, 1972	- 4
"	" outstanding 31st. December, 1972	- 7



### SWIMMING BATHS

No public swimming bath is provided within Cosford Rural District, but a new heated in-door pool has been constructed ~~in~~<sup>in</sup> Hadleigh Urban District, ~~Sudbury~~.

An open-air heated pool is available at Sudbury and there are heated in-door pools at Ipswich.

Monks Eleigh Primary School is provided with an open-air "Purley" pool and Boxford Primary School has a larger heated covered pool, both of which are used solely for educational purposes. In both cases the water is circulated, filtered and chlorinated.

### SCHOOLS

There are now 9 village schools in the District, and all are supplied with water from public mains. The schools at Bildeston, Boxford, Lavenham, Kersey and Monks Eleigh, Whatfield and Elmsett have water-closets connected to public sewers. The schools at Cockfield and Polstead have water-closets connected to cesspools.

All schools are, therefore, now provided with water-closet systems.



FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTION

Milk Supply

All milk sold in the District is "Sterilised" "Pasteurised" or "Tuberculin-Tested (Pasteurised)". Two milk Distributors operate from premises at Boxford and Hitcham, but no loose milk is handled.

Ice Cream

No premises are registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

43 premises are registered for the sale only of pre-packed ice cream.

Mobile vans operate in the District but are based outside it. These are inspected from time to time but, in general, give little cause for complaint.

Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection

No slaughtering is now carried out at any premises in the District and local butchers obtain their supplies from meat wholesalers.

The food premises in the District are listed as follows:-

Hotels and licensed premises	- 40
Restaurants	- 5
Grocers	- 32
Confectioners	- 7
Butchers	- 5
Fishmongers	- 1
Dairies	- 2
Greengrocers	- 5
Bakers	- 1
Fried fish shops	- 1

The following premises are registered under the provisions of Section 16, of the Food and Drugs Act:-

Manufacture of sausages, potted pressed, pickled or preserved food	- 11
Manufacture of ice cream	- Nil
Sale of ice cream	- 43

Regular routine visits are carried out to food premises and various minor contraventions of the Food Hygiene Regulations have been remedied after discussion with the occupiers. No legal proceedings were instituted.

RODENT CONTROL

One full-time Rodent Operator is employed to carry out all treatment at private, business and agricultural premises, and at sewage works, and other Council-owned properties, as directed. Treatment at domestic premises is carried out free of charge; business and agricultural treatments are carried out on a "time and materials" charge. No treatments are carried out under Contract.

The poisons generally used for rats are "Warfarin" and "Racumin", and for mice "Racumin", "Alphakil", tracking dust and traps. These particular poisons are used in order to ensure maximum safeguard against accidents caused by ingestion by animals other than rats or mice. All properties at which infestations were found were treated, each treatment involving several visits.

The work carried out by the Rodent Operator during the year is indicated in the following table.

	Type of Property	
	Domestic	Agricultural
1. No. of properties in District	4,034	562
2. (a) No. of properties inspected following notification	358	16
(b) No. of above infested by		
(i) Rats	289	16
(ii) Mice	47	2
3. No. of properties inspected for reasons other than notification	35	8

CARAVAN SITES and MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The following licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1961, were in force. Several visits were made to each site during the year and minor defects remedied.

	Individual caravans	-	20
	2 caravans	-	2
	3 caravans	-	1
	8 caravans	-	1
	25 caravans	-	1
Caravan Club Sites:-	5 caravans (Touring)	-	3

FACTORIES ACT 1961

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspec- tions.</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	1	-	Nil	Nil
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	32	23	Nil	Nil
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals:-	33	23	Nil	Nil

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number of Premises Registered.</u>	<u>Number of Registered Premises Inspected.</u>
Offices	3	1
Retail Shops	15	15
Wholesale Shops	1	1
Catering establishments	2	2
Fuel storage depots	-	-
Totals:-	21	19
Number of visits made	-	34







